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SUBJ: WEO NOMINATION OF MALTA FOR GROUP B SEAT ON UNIDO INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB)

REF: VIENNA 10352

1. MISSION FULLY APPRECIATES THE CONCERNS OF VIENNA (SEE
REFTEL) WITH NOMINATION OF MALTA AS A GROUP B CANDIDATE FOR
A SEAT ON THE UNIDO IDB. FOR WHAT ITS WORTH, WEO GROUP IN
UN SUFFERS FROM "TROJAN HORSE" PRESENCE OF MALTA. UNFORTUNATELY,
HOWEVER, THE FORMAL DESIGNATION OF MALTA AS A GROUP B
COUNTRY MEANS THAT ITS CANDIDACY MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE WEO
GROUP. ON THIS, AS ON ALL ISSUES BEFORE THE WEO GROUP, DECISIONS
ARE REACHED ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS. THIS MEANS THAT A COUNTRY'S
CANDIDACY FOR ANY POSITION REMAINS ACTIVE UNTIL THAT
COUNTRY DECIDES TO WITHDRAW IT. IF, AS WAS THE CASE OF THE UNIDO
IDB, WEO CANDIDACIES EXCEED THE SLOTS AVAILABLE, THE ISSUE
IS DECIDED BY A SECRET BALLOT OF THE UNGA. GIVEN MALTA'S
AFFINITY WITH THE G-77, IT IS OBVIOUSLY THE SHOO-IN
CANDIDATE IN ANY SUCH VOTING. ACCORDINGLY, WHEN THIS SORT
OF SITUATION ARISES, OTHER WEO CANDIDATES ATTEMPT TO MAKE
ADJUSTMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES (IN THIS CASE THE DUTCH AD
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REFERENDUM DECISION TO WITHDRAW) SO AS TO PRESENT AN AGREED
SLATE AND PRECLUDE A GA BALLOT. IN SUM, THERE IS NO WAY OF
PREVENTING MALTA APPEARING AS A WEO CANDIDATE OR PREVENTING ITS
ELECTION TO THE UNIDO IDB.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE HAGUE MAY NOT RPT NOT AGREE THAT
THE NETHERLANDS WITHDRAW ITS CANDIDACY. WE DO NOT KNOW

IF THERE IS ANY GIVE IN THE OTHER WEO CANDIDATES -- FRANCE,
NORWAY, JAPAN. (WE ASSUME U.S.IS NOT CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING
ITS CANDIDACY.) GENERAL FEELING IN WEO GROUP THAT IF SECRET
BALLOTING WAS NECESSARY, NETHERLANDS IS THEMOST LIKELY TO LOOSE.

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